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## Two Men Sentenced in Flying Cash Police Pursuit

Two reputed gang members were sentenced today after being convicted of robbing a Canyon Country bank, then leading police on a high-speed chase as they threw cash out of the getaway car's window, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Moira Curry said Lavelle Mosley, 24, was sentenced to 33 years in state prison and Terion Lamarr Collins, 27, received a 45-year, eight-month prison sentence.

They were found guilty of five counts each of second-degree robbery on Jan. 31. Jurors also found true gang and gun use allegations for both of the defendants. A third defendant, Phillip Ely, was acquitted by the jury.

However, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Daniel Feldstern of the San Fernando Branch ruled that there was enough evidence about Ely's participation on the robbery to find him in violation of probation from an unrelated drug conviction.

Ely was sentenced to time served for the probation violation on Feb. 26.

Mosley and Collins, both members of the Rollin' 40s Crips gang, robbed a Bank of America branch in Canyon Country shortly after 10 a.m. on Sept. 12, 2012, according to witness testimony.

The prosecutor said sheriff's deputies pursued the defendants for about an hour before the chase came to an end on a busy residential street where throngs of bystanders were running up to scoop up cash thrown out of the fleeing vehicle.

A fourth man involved in the robbery remains at large.

The case has been investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Major Crimes Bureau.

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